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### **New Advisory Opinion**

On March 29, 2007, the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board met and decided on one new advisory opinion, summarized below. Click on the AO number to read the full text of the opinion.

#### **2007-6, Revolving Door Application to Former State Employees Serving in More than One Agency**

Section 1-84b (b) of the Code of Ethics establishes a one-year "cooling-off" period for former state employees. In essence, the revolving door provision states that former employees cannot, for one year after leaving state service, represent anyone other than the state for compensation before their former agency concerning a matter in which the state has a substantial interest. The Board concluded that, for the purposes of this provision, an individual may have more than one department or agency if, within his/her last year of service, he/she served at more than one department or agency. This holds true even if the employee did not serve at more than one agency simultaneously. For example, an employee works at Agency A, then leaves that agency and works for Agency B, then leaves state service entirely, all in the same year. In this case, both agencies A and B would be considered to be "former agencies" for the purposes of 1-84b (b).

### **Statements of Financial Interests (SFIs) – Online Filing**

We are thrilled to report that all persons required to file SFIs with the OSE can now do so online. Simply [click here](#) to get started. We hope everyone takes advantage of this convenient, paper-free service. The filing deadline is May 1, 2007.

### **Online Ethics Training**

The development of OSE's comprehensive and interactive online training is now complete. We are working with DOIT to make this training available to all public officials and state employees via our Web site. I will send a special notice to all liaisons once the training is up and available for use; hopefully within the next few weeks.

Sincerely,

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